

## Official Proceedings

May 24, 2018  
8:00 am

Chairman Elkin called the special meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order. All members present.

The purpose of the special meeting is to conduct a public hearing regarding a petition received by Stark County from the Dickinson Municipal Airport Authority to discontinue the section line road of 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW between 41<sup>st</sup> Street SW and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street SW.

Chairman Elkin opened the public hearing.

Sandra Kuntz

Ms. Kuntz's property is located at 11125 42<sup>nd</sup> Street SW. Concerns were raised regarding the following:

- The airport overlay project did not explain a following expansion project;
- Expansion project will move the runway within 400 yards of her front door;
- Negative impacts to emergency response and reducing egress from her property to one route;
- Concerns with current and future noise levels from aircraft. Suggested a noise compatibility plan;
- Noise related to construction of the expansion project;
- Increased traffic on 113<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW from the closure of 112<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW;
- Concerns with chain link fence, 24x7 lighting, and jet fuel in proximity to her property;
- Issues with impacts to the existing wetlands;
- Proposed cost and funding of the project.

Ms. Kuntz is opposed to the closing of the section line road as presented.

Jeff Kuhn

Mr. Kuhn stated there is no reason to close the section line if the airport has not acquired the surrounding land. Also expressed concerns with dust and increased traffic.

Bruce Simonson

Mr. Simonson was unaware the airport was planning on expanding. Raised concerns with noise levels and the safety of the proposed project. Also pointed out the tank battery located at the north end of the runway.

Carla Arthaud

Ms. Arthaud reiterated Ms. Kuntz points and advised the landowners were unaware of this project when purchasing the property.

Bill Buckman

Mr. Buckman requested clarification on the need for the expansion of the runway and does not want children to have to be outside playing with ear protection.

Kelly Braun

Mr. Braun representing the airport advised they have tried to be as transparent as possible and have followed notices as required by law. The existing planes can create up to 107db of noise however as you move further away from the aircraft that level decreases. Mr. Braun advised they are working on acquiring the necessary land and the section line closure at the same time as the airport is under timeline requirements for funding including grants. The existing commercial aircrafts are being phased out and being replaced with larger aircrafts. If this project does not proceed there is a possibility of the Dickinson Airport losing commercial air service.

Jody Arthaud

Mr. Arthaud questioned if there is a true need for the runway expansion.

Chairman Elkin closed the public hearing.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Hoff

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Kuntz

To table the petition to close the requested section line until presented issues are addressed.

**DISPOSITION:** Roll call vote. Commissioner Zander, Nay. Commissioner Kuntz, Aye. Commissioner Hoff, Aye. Commissioner Franchuk, Aye. Chairman Elkin, Nay. Motion carried

Commissioner Zander expressed the need for a quality airport in Southwest North Dakota and would like to see the affected residents be part of the team to find a solution to the issues.

**MOTION BY:** Commissioner Zander

**SECOND BY:** Commissioner Hoff

To adjourn the meeting.

**DISPOSITION:** Motion carried